

A RESOLUTION honoring Ricky Gooch and his business,
Package America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those companies that are a credit to their respective industries and communities; and

WHEREAS, Package America is one such exemplary company, renowned for its excellence and quality as a reseller or broker of United Parcel Service; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary firm was originally founded in 1988, with a different name, by Ricky Gooch, a man of tremendous vision who possesses keen business skills; and

WHEREAS, seeing the important need for greater accessibility to UPS Services, he formed United Package mailing services; with expansion the company became Sempax, Inc., which comprises UPMS and United Package Mailing Centers; and

WHEREAS, from this 5-year-old franchise organization, Package America, the first shipping company ever to use network marketing to build a world-wide sales force, was born; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gooch's companies have served and continue to serve hundreds of satisfied customers, with total annual sales of more than 15 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Package America employs over 2,200 sales people in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gooch's dedication, determination and ability to successfully anticipate customers' needs has significantly contributed to the status of Package America as one of the fastest growing companies in the country; and

WHEREAS, the employees of Package America exemplify the qualities inherent in all successful businesses: a professional spirit and pride in their dedication to a team effort; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this legislative body to recognize those successful companies which are built on professional excellence and teamwork; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Package America and its founder and Chief Executive Officer, Ricky Gooch, for their remarkable achievements and many outstanding contributions to the package industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to all the people of Package America our best wishes for their continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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